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PREFACE.

THIS Book of Prayer is designed to be a help in the offices of religion in the church and in the home. As originally published, it included many instructions and prayers which are now omitted, the aim being, in this revised edition, to provide simple services of worship for those who desire them, and to give suggestion, if not formal direction, to those who are called to the various ministration of religion, in public and in private. The book was urgently called for, else it might not have seemed best to add another to the many excellent manuals of devotion already in use.

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THE

ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER.

¶ *The Minister shall begin the Morning Prayer by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture; all standing.*

THE Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

The Lord is nigh unto all who call upon him; unto all who call upon him in truth.

Give ear to my words, O God, consider my meditation. Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God; for unto thee will I pray.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

BELOVED in the Lord, we have again assembled together as the disciples of Jesus Christ, to render thanks to God for all his mercies; to confess our manifold transgressions; to renew our good resolutions; and to recommend ourselves and all our concerns to the care of our heavenly Father. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Put your trust in him, and you shall not be disappointed. With humble and contrite hearts let us approach the throne of heavenly grace.

¶ *The Minister shall then say the following Prayer; all reverently bowing down or kneeling, and the People responding with* AMEN.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all men, trusting in thy loving-kindness and tender mercy, we come into thy Holy Presence, and bring to thee our devout offerings. Purify us, we beseech thee, from all guile; unite us to one another in the bonds of love and peace; pour down upon us thy spiritual gifts, and grant us every blessing in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by Minister and People.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

O Lord, open thou our lips;

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *Here, all standing, the Minister shall say:*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only Wise God;

People. Be honor and glory through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *Then shall be sung the following, or some other Anthem; all standing.*

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In his hands are the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

Gloria Patri.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then may be read one of the Psalms, taken from the* Selections; *and at the end of every Psalm may be sung the* Gloria Patri.

¶ *Then shall be read the First Lesson, taken out of the Old Testament.* ¶ Note *that before every Lesson the Minister shall say, Here beginneth such a Chapter, or Verse of such a Chapter, of such a Book; and after every Lesson, Here endeth the First, or the Second Lesson.*

¶ *Then shall be sung an Anthem, or some Hymn of Praise. On days when the Lord's Supper is celebrated, the following Hymn, called* Gloria in Excelsis, *may be sung; all standing.*

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O God, through thy only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Through

him that taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Through him that taketh away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Through him that sitteth at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only in Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in thy glory, O God our Father. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament.*

¶ *After that shall be sung the following Psalm, or a Hymn, unannounced.*

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us: and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt guide the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

¶ *Here may be said the Creed.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

The Lord be with you;

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

[All reverently bowing the head or devoutly kneeling.]

¶ *Here the Minister may offer prayer in his own words, or read the Litany; or the Service may proceed as follows:*

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

¶ *Then shall be said the Collects and Prayers following; the People responding with* AMEN.

The Collect for Peace.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is per-

fect freedom; Grant us, thy servants, we humbly beseech thee, that peace which the world can neither give nor take away; that we, who in all our dangers rely on thy goodness, may under thy fatherly protection be defended against all adversities, and evermore rejoice in thy blessed service, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Collect for Grace.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the following Prayers and Intercessions.*

For the President and Civil Authorities.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the Universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers

upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favor to behold and bless thy servant *the President of the United States*, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts: grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and after this life to attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Christian Church.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon all Ministers of the gospel, and upon all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O God, for thy great love in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For all Conditions of Men.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou

wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Church Universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A General Thanksgiving, to be said by Minister and People.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;

but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn.*

¶ *The offering may be received either before or after the Sermon.*

¶ *Then a Hymn shall be sung by Choir and Congregation; and after that, the Minister shall say the following:*

Concluding Prayer and Benediction.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and hast especially encouraged us by thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to make known unto thee our humble requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting

us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE

ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER.

¶ *The Minister shall begin the Evening Prayer by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture; all standing.*

FROM the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

Let our prayers be set forth in his sight as an incense: and the lifting up of our hands, as an evening sacrifice.

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts: to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

DEARLY beloved, we are assured that the Lord is nigh unto them that call upon him, unto all who call upon him in truth. I do therefore invite as many as are here present to unite with me in common prayer to our heavenly Father, that he, of his fulness and infinite good-will, would graciously bestow upon us those needed mercies and comfortable gifts, which we are emboldened to ask in Christ, who is the Way; giving thanks unto God through him.

¶ *The Minister shall then say the following Prayer; all reverently bowing down or kneeling, and the People responding with* AMEN.

O GOD, who by thy dear Son hast consecrated unto us a new and living way into thy holy presence; Grant to us, we beseech thee, the assurance of thy mercy, and sanctify us by thy heavenly grace; that we, approaching thee with a pure heart and undefiled conscience, may offer unto thee a sacrifice in righteousness, and celebrate thy blessed name in the faith and spirit of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by Minister and People.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

O Lord, open thou our lips;

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *Here, all standing, the Minister shall say:*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only Wise God;

People. Be honor and glory through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *Then shall be sung the following, or some other Anthem:*

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth his people: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day: nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth, and even for evermore.

¶ *Then shall be read the First Lesson, taken out of the Old Testament; or, instead, one of the* SELECTIONS *of Psalms.*

¶ *Then shall be sung the following Psalm:*

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgiveth all thy sin: and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength: ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word.

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts: ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

¶ *Then shall be read the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be sung the following Psalm; or, instead, some other Song of Praise.*

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

The Lord be with you;
People. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Let us pray.

¶ *Here the Minister may offer Prayer in his own words, or read the Litany; or the Service may proceed as follows:*

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
People. And grant us thy salvation.
Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;
People. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

¶ *Then shall be said the Collects and Prayers following.*

A Collect for Peace.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do

proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended in every hour of danger, may pass our time in rest and quietness. *Amen.*

A Collect for Aid against all Perils.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night: for the love of thy only Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the following Prayers and Intercessions.*

A Prayer for the President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority.

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; Have mercy upon this whole land; and so rule the hearts of thy servants THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, *The Governor of this State,* and all others in authority, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek thine honor and glory; and that we and all the people, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and

obediently honor them, in thee and for thee, according to thy blessed Word and Ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee, and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, world without end. *Amen.*

For the Christian Church.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon all Ministers of the gospel, and upon all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O God, for thy great love in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn.*

¶ *The offering may be received either before or after the Sermon.*

¶ *Then a Hymn shall be sung by Choir and Congregation; and after that, the Minister shall say the following:*

Concluding Prayer.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name; and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE ORDER FOR VESPERS.

¶ *The Minister shall begin Vespers by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture; all standing.*

FROM the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

Let our prayers be set forth in his sight as incense; and the lifting up of our hands, as an evening sacrifice.

Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

O Lord, open thou our lips;

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister. O Lord, make haste to help us.

People. O Lord, make speed to help us.

Minister. O Lord, let thy mercy be shown upon us;

People. As we do put our trust in thee.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *Then shall be sung the following Psalm:*

BONUM EST CONFITERI.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most Highest;

To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning: and of thy truth in the night-season;

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute: upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works: and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

Gloria Patri.

To be sung at the close of this, and every Psalm.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *After the Psalm, the Minister shall say:*

The Lord be with you;
People. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Let us pray.

[All reverently bowing down.]

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence

in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living.

People. Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and grant that we thy servants may evermore give thanks unto thee in the holy Church of thy Son Jesus Christ.

People. Grant us thy peace, O Lord.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we give thee humble and hearty thanks for all the benefits and blessings, both spiritual and temporal, which in the riches of thy great mercy thou hast poured down upon us; but especially for thy spiritual blessings. Lord, let us not live but to praise and magnify thy great goodness. Grant, we beseech thee, that all our thoughts, words, and works may tend to the discharge of our duty, the good of our fellow-men, and the advancement of thy Son's kingdom on earth. *Amen.*

O LORD Most High, with thy whole Church throughout the world we especially give thanks to thee for all thy saints departed; and for the hope of future joy in the resurrection of the just. O let the cloud of witnesses, the innumerable company of those who have gone before and entered into rest, be to us an example of godly life: even now may we rejoice in their happiness; and with patience may we so run the race that is set before us, as to have an entrance administered abundantly into thy heavenly presence, to be united with them and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O THOU Father of our spirits, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray; Often in the midst of our daily business may we lift up our hearts to thee; and grant, we humbly beseech thee, that those whom thou dost refresh with thy presence may, by a life well pleasing to thee, show their love and gratitude, as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O BLESSED God, who neither slumberest nor sleepest; Take us into thy gracious keeping for this night; and make us mindful of that night when the noise of this busy world shall be heard by us no more. O Lord, in whom we trust, help us by thy grace so to live that we may never be afraid to die, and grant that at the last as now our even-song may be: I will lay me down in peace, and sleep, for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung a Vesper Hymn, or Sacred Song (unannounced), giving devout and audible words with a melody that touches the heart.*

¶ *After that shall be read one of the* SELECTIONS *of Psalms, in verses, alternately, by Minister and People; all standing.*

¶ *Then shall be read a Lesson from the Sacred Scriptures. At the close of which the Minister shall say, Here endeth the Scripture Lesson; and a Vesper Psalm or Hymn shall be sung.*

¶ *Offertory.*

¶ *Here shall follow an Exposition or Address; which is designed to occupy about fifteen minutes. At the close the Minister shall say, Let us pray; and the Lord's Prayer shall be said or sung.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung a Parting Hymn of Peace, by Choir and Congregation.*

¶ *After which this Benediction shall be said; the Choir chanting the* Amen. *Or, instead of the* Amen, *the Choir may chant the* Nunc Dimittis (*St. Luke* ii. 29).

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation, which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people:

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Amen.

Benediction.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. *Amen.*

LITANY.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, have mercy upon us.

People. O God, our heavenly Father, have mercy upon us.

Minister. O God, by thy Son Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

People. O God, by thy Son Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

Minister. O God, by thy Holy Spirit, the Comforter and Guide of mankind, have mercy upon us.

People. O God, by thy Holy Spirit, the Comforter and Guide of mankind, have mercy upon us.

Minister. Forgive, O Lord, our manifold sins and offences. We have erred and strayed from thy ways; we have left undone those

things which we ought to have done, and have done those things which we ought not to have done. We pray thee to remove our transgressions from us, to assist our new desires, and, according to thy promises in Jesus Christ, to save us with an abundant salvation.

People. Save us, good Lord.

Minister. From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness;

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all deceits of the world and the flesh;

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. From all fury of the elements; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and death unprepared for;

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. From all sedition and civil discord; from all false doctrine and unbelief; from hardness of heart and contempt of thy word and commandment;

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. In all time of our tribulation; in

all time of our prosperity, and in the hour of death;

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. We beseech thee, O Lord, that it may please thee to rule and guide and comfort thy holy Church universal; to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived; to send laborers into thy vineyard, and to give saving power to the preaching of thy word;

People. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please thee to illumine all Ministers of the gospel and teachers of truth; and to give to them, and to the people committed to their charge, the needful spirit of thy grace, and to pour out upon them the continual dew of thy blessing;

People. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please thee to bless and preserve all rulers and magistrates, and all who are in authority over us, giving them grace to execute justice and to maintain truth;

People. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please thee to bless all sorts and conditions of men; to make known thy ways unto all people, thy saving health to all nations;

People. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy word, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

People. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand, to comfort and help the weak-hearted, and to raise up those who fall;

People. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort all who are in any danger, necessity, or tribulation;

People. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please thee to minister unto such as are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate, to comfort

and relieve them according to their need, giving them patience under their trials, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions;

People. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please thee to defend and provide for the fatherless and widows and all who are desolate and oppressed;

People. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;

People. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

People. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please thee to give and preserve to us the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them;

People. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. That it may please thee to sanc-

tify us by thy Holy Spirit, to make us perfect in every good work, and to keep us blameless unto the end;

People. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Minister. The Lord bless us and keep us;

People. The Lord cause his face to shine upon us.

Minister. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us;

People. And give us peace.

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

UPON SEVERAL OCCASIONS,

TO BE USED BEFORE THE TWO FINAL PRAYERS OF MORNING AND EVENING SERVICE.

¶ *That we may put our Trust wholly in God.*

O LORD God, thou art our refuge and our hope: on thee alone we rest; for we find all to be weak and insufficient but thee. Many friends cannot profit, nor strong helpers assist, nor prudent counsellors advise, nor the books of the learned afford comfort, nor any precious substance deliver, nor any place give shelter, unless thou thyself dost assist, strengthen, console, instruct, and guard us. To thee, therefore, do we lift up our eyes; in thee, our God, the Father of mercies, do we put our trust. Bless and sanctify our souls, that they may become thy holy habitation, and the seat of thine eternal glory; and let nothing be found in us displeasing in thy sight. Protect and keep us amidst all

dangers; and, accompanying us by thy grace, direct us along the way of peace to thine everlasting home. *Amen.*

¶ *In Time of Trouble.*

O GOD, thou art our hope and our strength, a very present help in time of need. Look down upon us with thy fatherly pity, and give us hearts wholly resigned to thy divine will. May we have such firm confidence in thy good providence as not to increase our trouble by our own infirmities. Take from us gloomy forebodings and a spirit of fear. Blessed be thy name, our sorrows are finite and temporal, less than our sins, and infinitely less than thy mercies. O may it be our great care to please thee, our only fear lest we should sin against thee. Let thy loving-kindness be our portion, thy Spirit our guide, thy law the rule of our conduct; and so with patience may we wait till this cloud is passed over. *Amen.*

¶ *In Time of Mourning.*

ALMIGHTY God, who governest all things in heaven and on earth with infinite wisdom and mercy, and dost encourage us to

fly to thee as our refuge in distress; Refresh thy sorrowing children with the light of thy countenance, and the consolations of thy Holy Spirit. Be thou now to us, we humbly beseech thee, what thou lovest to be, a Father to those who are in trouble and a God of comfort to those who mourn. Grant that we thy servants may not weep as those who are without hope, nor complain of anything but ourselves, nor desire anything but that thy will may be done, nor do anything but what is agreeable to thy holy word and commandment. O heavenly Father, when thou smitest us, not less than when thou pourest out blessings on us, may our love to thee increase; and when the few years of our earthly pilgrimage are ended, may we be gathered to our fathers in thy peace, and in the blessed hope of a joyful resurrection, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *In Time of Adversity.*

O HOLY Father, help us to labor for those enduring riches which consist in the knowledge of thee, and in the glory of thy gracious presence. Suffer us not, we pray thee, so to limit thy power as to think that thou art

not now able to supply our real wants, though blessings which we were wont to enjoy are taken from us. Restrain, we beseech thee, our desires; teach us willingly to submit ourselves to thy wisdom. Let thy promises and providence be our storehouse; let it be enough for us to believe as we do, that, though we lose all we possess, yet, inasmuch as thou hast once loved us in Christ, we shall never lose thy favor. Through him be ascribed unto thee glory and dominion, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *That we may commit those whom we love to the Keeping of our heavenly Father.*

O LORD God of heaven and earth, for those who belong to us may we neither be without care, nor yet taken up with care, as if we had not thee to care for us. But let us assure ourselves that thou wilt be our God, and the God of our children; and wilt not leave them destitute of earthly blessings, for whom thou hast provided an eternal inheritance. With this confidence may we go on our way with cheerfulness, fulfilling every duty as it arises, and leaving all events trustfully to thee, our merciful God and Father. *Amen.*

¶ *For a Fruitful Season: to be used in Spring.*

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all things, who causest the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man; who bringest forth fruit out of the earth, and dost bless the springing thereof; Be pleased graciously to look down from thy holy habitation in heaven upon us, thy people, and upon the land wherein we dwell; that both it may become fruitful and yield its increase, and we may grow in wisdom and in goodness, bringing forth plenteously the fruit of good works, as disciples of him who came to sow in us the seeds of eternal life. *Amen.*

¶ *Thanksgiving for a Fruitful Season.*

ALMIGHTY and eternal Lord God, who art infinite in power and wisdom and goodness; with hearts deeply sensible of thy tender care and concern for us, we most humbly beseech thee to accept our tribute of thanks and praise for the return of that joyous season in which thou makest our fields to yield an abundant increase. On thy fatherly protection and kindness we will steadfastly rely for the supply of our wants; for thou

carest for us. But, O heavenly Father, while we rejoice in thy outward bounty, do thou keep us ever mindful that man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth: and grant that we may not cease to labor more earnestly for those everlasting blessings which thou hast vouchsafed to us in thy beloved Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *All Saints.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together all generations of the faithful in one communion and fellowship, in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; Grant us grace to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living; and make us partakers with them of those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee. *Amen.*

¶ *The Ordination of Ministers.*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thine infinite love and goodness hast firmly established the Church of thy Son on earth; Raise up, we beseech thee, a constant succession of faithful Ministers; and give

them grace to remember that the servants of the Lord ought not to strive, but to be gentle to all, apt to teach, patient, instructing in meekness him that opposeth. May they become examples to their flocks in holy living, teaching not only by their doctrine, but also by their practice. Thou, O gracious Father, knowest what things are needful for this high calling: multiply these gifts on thy servants; and crown their labors with thy blessing, that the work of the great shepherd of souls may prosper in their hands. *Amen.*

¶ *In Behalf of a Sick Person for whom the Prayers of the Congregation are requested.*

ALMIGHTY and ever-blessed God, our refuge and our hope; Stretch forth, we pray thee, thy healing hand on thy servant, for whom in *his* sickness our prayers are desired: but, O heavenly Father, grant that *he* may so acknowledge thy fatherly love in this and all *his* trials, that whatsoever thou mayest appoint concerning *him*, *he* may be wholly resigned to thy gracious will. *Amen.*

¶ *In Time of General Sickness.*

ALMIGHTY and ever-blessed God, in the midst of life we are in death: of whom shall we seek for succor but of thee, O Lord? Stretch forth thy hand, we beseech thee, and turn from us this great sickness and mortality with which we are now visited. But, O merciful Father, as thou dost never chasten us but for our good, may we be still more anxious for a humble and teachable heart than for immediate relief from bodily danger; not doubting thy desire to bring all our afflictions to a speedy and happy end. In every time of trouble give us grace, O Lord God, to help and comfort one another in the spirit of thy son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *When General Health is restored.*

BLESSED be thy goodness, O Lord, which hath preserved so many of us alive in the midst of a great mortality, and hath restored health to our land. Thou hast been our refuge and our fortress, our God in whom we trust. Grant, we beseech thee, that we may devote our renewed strength to thee with increased zeal and earnestness, as true disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *In Time of War.*

O LORD, our Creator and Preserver, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell upon the face of the earth; We cry to thee in our distress, and beseech thee to look down in mercy on the terrible conflicts which are destroying the lives and estranging the hearts of thy children. O breathe upon thy people the spirit of thy Son; and grant that the work of righteousness may be peace, and the effect of righteousness quiet and assurance forever. *Amen.*

¶ *When Peace is restored.*

BLESSED be thou, O God, who stillest the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people. We praise and thank thee for our deliverance from those great evils and dangers wherewith we were compassed; and we most earnestly beseech thee to fill us with the spirit of kindness and forbearance; that no bitterness may remain in our hearts, and that we may lead henceforth a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *For this Nation.*

ALMIGHTY God, who rulest over all the nations of the earth, and on whose gracious providence we depend evermore for preservation and prosperity; Extend, we beseech thee, thy paternal goodness to the people of this nation. Our necessities and dangers are all known to thee. Vouchsafe to guide us continually with thy counsel, and strengthen us with thy power; and so direct and sanctify our hearts, that, looking up to thee as our only safeguard and the supreme author of all blessings, we may have the unspeakable blessing of thy almighty protection and thy heavenly favor. *Amen.*

¶ *For all Mankind.*

MOST gracious Father, let thy blessing rest on every member of thy great human family. May every one be a partaker of thy gospel in Jesus Christ. Grant that the bright beams of thy truth may shine upon those who are walking in darkness; till all the kindreds of thy people shall know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. *Amen.*

THE DIVINE LAW.

The Minister, at such times as he may elect, shall read the Ten Commandments; and the People, reverently bowing the head or devoutly kneeling, shall, after each Commandment, ask God's mercy for their transgressions for the time past, and grace to keep the law for the time to come, as followeth:

GOD spake these words, and said, I am the Lord thy God: Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and show

mercy unto thousands in them that love me, and keep my commandments.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work; thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt do no murder.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not steal.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

¶ *Then the Minister may say:*

Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and

with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

¶ *On Whit-Sunday the Minister shall also read the Law of the Holy Spirit, as follows:*

IF ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have

commanded you: and lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. *Amen.*

THE BEATITUDES.

WITH RESPONSES, TO BE SAID BY THE PEOPLE.

AND seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he had sat down, his disciples came unto him. And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

This is my comfort in my affliction; for thy word hath quickened me.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

The meek will he guide in judgment, and the meek will he teach his way.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

He shall receive blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

He that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

The angel of the Lord encampeth around them that fear him, and delivereth them.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, from everlasting and to everlasting: Amen, and Amen.

OFFERINGS OF CHARITY.

¶ *To be used with Responses from the Organ or Choir, when the Contributions of the People for the Poor or for any Charity are taken up.*

LET your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *St. Matt.* v. 16.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. *St. Matt.* vi. 19, 20.

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do unto them; for this is the Law and the Prophets. *St. Matt.* vii. 12.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. *St. Matt.* vii. 21.

He that soweth little shall reap little; and he that soweth plenteously, shall reap plenteously. Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 *Cor.* ix. 6, 7.

While we have time, let us do good unto all men, and especially unto them that are of the household of faith. *Gal.* vi. 10.

Godliness is great riches, if a man be content with that he hath: for we brought nothing into the world, neither may we carry anything out. 1 *Tim.* vi. 6, 7.

Charge them who are rich in this world, that they be ready to give, and glad to distribute; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may attain eternal life. 1 *Tim.* vi. 17–19.

God is not unrighteous, that he will forget your works, and labor that proceedeth of love, which love ye have showed for his name's sake, who have ministered unto the saints, and yet do minister. *Heb.* vi. 10.

To do good, and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. *Heb.* xiii. 16.

Whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 1 *St. John* iii. 17.

Give alms of thy goods, and never turn thy face from any poor man; and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee. *Tob.* iv. 17.

Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little: for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity. *Tob.* iv. 8. 9.

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and look, what he layeth out, it shall be paid him again. *Prov.* xix. 17.

Blessed be the man that provideth for the sick and needy; the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble. *Psalm* xli. 1.

I have shown you how that ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. *Acts* xx. 35.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. *St. Matt.* v. 7.

Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my

brethren, ye have done it unto me. *St. Matt.* xxv. 46.

God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 2 *St. John* iv. 16.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love to one another. *St. John* xiii. 35.

For the sake of order and dignity in the manner of the offering, it is suggested that the deacons or the ushers take the plates from the hands of the Minister, and, after they have received the offerings, that they return the same to the Minister, waiting before him for the closing words of the Offertory:

God is not unrighteous, that he will forget your works and labor that proceedeth of love, which love ye have showed for his name's sake, who have ministered unto the saints, and yet do minister.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

THE ORDER OF THE ADMINISTRATION

OF

THE LORD'S SUPPER, OR HOLY COMMUNION.

¶ *The celebration may be preceded by the reading of the Ten Commandments; or, especially on Sundays after Easter, the Beatitudes and the Creed. Then may follow the Offertory and Sermon. After which, the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall say one or more of the following sentences:*

BLESSED are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. *St. Matt.* v. 6.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, My Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. *St. John* vi. 32, 33, 35.

And the Spirit and the Church say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. *Rev.* xxii. 17.

By one Spirit are we baptized into one body, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. Being many we are one, being partakers of one bread. 1 *Cor.* xii. 13; x. 17.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me. *Rev.* iii. 20.

Christ, our passover, is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 1 *Cor.* v. 7, 8.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. *St. John* xv. 4, 5.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father, I have made known unto you. *St. John* xv. 13–15.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *St. Matt.* xi. 28.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John* iii. 16.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

DEARLY beloved brethren, we come to this table to testify, not that we are righteous, but that we sincerely love the Lord Jesus Christ, and wish to become his true disciples. Ye, therefore, who do truly and earnestly desire to learn of the Saviour, and to coöperate in the study and practice of his religion; who would live in love and charity with your neighbors, and would grow in the Christian Life, draw near with faith, and take

this holy ordinance to your comfort, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

¶ *Then shall this general Confession be made by Minister and People; all humbly bowing down or devoutly kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father; We humbly acknowledge our weakness, and the sins which we from time to time have most grievously committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy great goodness, against our Master, Jesus Christ, against our own souls, and against our brethren. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. Comfort and help us. Raise our hearts up to thee in heaven, and suffer us no more to wander upon earth. In the name of thy beloved Son, we beseech thee to forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee, in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say this Prayer:*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto

thee, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Hear what words of comfort our Saviour saith unto all who desire his help.

COME unto me, all ye who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all who believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Hear, also, what St. Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear, also, what St. John saith.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins

Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto our God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

Minister. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

¶ *Here may follow the proper Preface, if there be any specially appointed; or else immediately may follow (Minister and People together):*

THEREFORE with angels, and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord, most high.

Proper Prefaces.

Upon Christmas Day.

BECAUSE thou didst send thy Son into the world, that the world through him might be saved. Therefore with angels, etc.

Upon Easter Day.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he was offered for us, and is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels, etc.

Upon Ascension Day.

THROUGH thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who, after his most glorious resurrection, manifestly appeared to all his apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory. Therefore with angels, etc.

Upon Whit-Sunday.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, thy Holy Spirit was poured forth upon the apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also boldness, with fervent zeal, constantly

to preach the gospel unto all nations, whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ. Therefore with angels, etc.

¶ *Then shall the Minister read the following words:*

I HAVE received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. 1 *Cor.* xi. 23–26.

Minister. The Lord be with you.
People. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Let us pray.

¶ *The Minister may then offer prayer in his own words, or say the Prayers following; all humbly bowing down or devoutly kneeling.*

FATHER of our spirits, mindful of Christ's life and teachings, his death upon the cross, his resurrection and ascension, and his seat at thy right hand, we come to partake of this bread and this wine in remembrance of him. We beseech thee to sanctify them and us: and may we who thus eat of one bread and drink of one cup be made one with each other in the fellowship of the same Holy Spirit, and one with thee and thy dear Son.

And in this our communion we desire to remember, and beseech thee to remember and bless, the multitudes of every name who are joined with us in one household of faith, our brethren and sisters in Christ throughout the world.

We remember those who have fallen asleep in Christ, and in the joyful hope of resurrection unto eternal life.

We remember the fathers from the beginning of the world; the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have wrought righteousness.

We remember all such as journey; all who are in sickness or distress; and we would forgive our enemies, if there be any who have wished or done us ill.

We remember the whole family of man; beseeching thee that the spirits of all flesh may taste of thy grace, and that the ends of the earth may see the salvation of God.

And unto us, O Lord God, vouchsafe such guidance, that as Christians and blameless we may spend the remainder of our lives.

Accept, O holy and ever-blessed Father, these our supplications. May our offerings find favor in thy sight, and be as an odor of spiritual incense. *Amen.*

¶ *Here shall be sung a Communion Hymn, or a Hymn appointed for Vespers, unannounced.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister, having first received the Communion in both kinds himself, proceed to deliver the same to the People. And when he delivereth the bread, he shall say:*

Take and eat this in remembrance of Jesus Christ: and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

¶ *And the Minister who delivereth the Cup, shall say:*

Drink this in remembrance of Jesus Christ, and be thankful.

¶ *When all have received the Communion, the Lord's Prayer shall be said by Minister and People; all humbly bowing down or reverently kneeling.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say this Prayer:*

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us with spiritual food; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom to thee be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be said or sung, all standing, some proper Hymn.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall let the People depart with this Blessing:*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRATION

OF

BAPTISM OF INFANTS.

¶ *When the Child has been brought forward to the Altar, the Minister may read as follows, from the Gospel of St. Mark:*

THEY brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

¶ *He may then use the following, or some other suitable Exhortation:*

MY brethren, in our treatment and regard of children, we ought to partake of the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. We should by no means despise or neglect them; but by gentleness and watchful care, do all that we can to bring them into the fold of the Good Shepherd. That God may bless our efforts in so doing, let us now pray.

¶ *Then may be offered the following Prayer:*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, we give thanks unto thee, that by thy goodness we have been brought to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and to faith in him. We bless thee for the kind and encouraging words which he spoke, and for his tender compassion towards those whom he came to save; that he did not suffer little children to be driven away from his presence, but took them in his arms and blessed them. And now that we have brought to thy altar this little one, we pray that thou wilt guide and direct us, while we consecrate *him* to thee and to thy service. Wilt thou grant that this Baptism of Water may be the type and the

earnest of the purifying influences of thy Holy Spirit, by which alone the soul can be regenerated and saved. This we do humbly ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Minister may then say to the Parents or Guardians of the Child:*

BY the act of bringing this Child here at this time, you express in the most solemn manner your desire and resolve to instruct *him* in the gospel of Christ, and in every way to do what lieth in you to enable *him* to resist sinful inclinations and to keep God's holy will and commandments.

¶ *Then the Minister shall take the Child into his arms, and shall say to the Parents or Guardians:*

Name this Child.

¶ *Naming the Child, he shall apply the water, saying:*

I baptize thee, into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

¶ *Then shall follow this Benediction:*

THE God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ bless and shelter thee; and through his Son, and by his Holy Spirit, aid

thee in infirmities, comfort thee in sorrow, guide thee into all truth, and at length receive thee into his heavenly presence. *Amen.*

¶ *In Choirs, or places where they sing, here shall follow (unannounced) an appropriate Hymn. After which, the Benediction:*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRATION OF BAPTISM

TO

SUCH AS ARE OF RIPER YEARS.

¶ *When those who wish to be baptized have come forward to the Altar, the Minister shall read as follows; all those who are present standing up:*

AND Jesus came and spake to his disciples, and said, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

¶ *Then shall be said this Exhortation:*

MY brethren, now that we are about to obey this command, which is with so great authority enjoined upon us, let us seek a blessing from God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

¶ *Then the Minister may say:*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we give thee humble and hearty thanks, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace and to faith in thee. Increase this knowledge and confirm this faith in us evermore, that we may be enabled to mortify all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily to proceed in all virtue and godliness of living, till we come to that eternal kingdom which thou hast promised through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall speak to the persons to be baptized on this wise:*

WELL-BELOVED, who have come hither to receive holy Baptism: you know what divine help has been promised to all who seek it; how our Lord Jesus Christ hath said, Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Renouncing, therefore, the fellowship of evil, will you endeavor to learn of Jesus Christ, and co-operate in the study and practice of his religion?

¶ *Then the persons about to be baptized shall severally answer:*

I will.

¶ *Then, the persons about to be baptized standing or kneeling before the Minister, he shall say:*

I BAPTIZE thee, into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

¶ *He may also pronounce this Benediction:*

AND I pronounce upon thee the blessing which God commanded his servant of old; saying:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. *Amen.*

Minister. Our help is in the name of the Lord;

Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Minister. Blessed be the name of the Lord;

Answer. Henceforth, world without end.

Minister. Lord, hear our prayers;

Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn of welcome, unannounced.*

¶ *Then shall be said this Benediction:*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION,

OR

ADMISSION TO THE COMMUNION.

¶ *Those about to be Confirmed, that is, to receive the Communion of the Church, shall have first received the Sacrament of Baptism; if not in infancy or at some subsequent period, then now. To any such persons, standing in order before the Minister, he shall say:*

DEARLY beloved, you have come hither to receive the consecration of the Church, and to renew the solemn vow made at your baptism. Renouncing, therefore, the fellowship of evil, will you endeavor to learn of Jesus Christ, and co-operate in the study and practice of his religion?

¶ *Each of those about to be confirmed shall audibly answer:*

I will.

¶ *The Minister shall then say:*

BELOVED in the Lord, on this your open and voluntary confession of Christ, I welcome you to the communion of his Church. And may God the Father grant that this union, formed on earth, may be continued in heaven, and fit us for the fellowship of the saints in light.

Receive the blessing of the Church.

¶ *Then those about to be confirmed kneeling at the Altar, the Minister may lay his hand upon the head of every one severally, saying:*

DEFEND, O Lord, this thy child with thy heavenly grace, that *he* may continue thine forever, and may daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* come unto thy everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Our help is in the name of the Lord;

Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Minister. Blessed be the name of the Lord;

Answer. Henceforth, world without end.

Minister. Lord, hear our prayers.

Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer to be said after the Minister; all reverently bowing the head or kneeling.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the following Collects:*

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, who makest us both to will and to do those things that be good and acceptable unto thy divine Majesty; We would offer our humble supplications unto thee for these thy servants who have made a public profession of the Christian faith, and expressed their earnest desire and prayer to be enabled to fulfil their duties as disciples of Jesus Christ. Let thy fatherly hand ever be over them: let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them: guide and help, strengthen and sanctify them, we beseech thee; that, by the living bond of obedience

and charity, they may be united to thee and thy beloved Son. *Amen.*

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow this Benediction:*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may follow a Hymn of welcome or a Hymn of peace, unannounced.*

THE FORM

OF

SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY.

¶ *The persons to be married and their friends being assembled, the Minister shall say:*

DEARLY beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy matrimony; which is an honorable estate, instituted of God, adorned and sanctioned by Christ's presence at the marriage of Cana of Galilee, and set forth and commended in the Christian Scripture as innocent and honorable to all who engage in it not unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, discreetly, and soberly, with purity of heart, and in the fear of God. Therefore, if any man can show just cause why these two may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

¶ *Then speaking to the persons about to be married, the Man standing at the Woman's right hand, the Minister shall say:*

I REQUIRE and charge you both, as ye will answer before him who knoweth the secrets of all hearts, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, ye do now confess it.

¶ *If no impediment be alleged, the Minister shall say to the Man, addressing him by his Christian name:*

M. WILT thou have this Woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor, and keep her in sickness and in health, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Man shall answer:*

I will.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to the Woman, addressing her by her Christian name:*

N. WILT thou have this Man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony?

Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honor, and keep him in sickness and in health, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Woman shall answer:*

I will.

¶ *If the giving away of the bride be omitted, after the answer of the Woman,* I WILL, *the Minister may say: In testimony of the purpose mutually expressed, let your Troth be given to each other.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man?

¶ *Then shall they give their Troth to each other in this manner:—The Minister, receiving the Woman at her father's or friend's hand, shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand, and say after him as followeth:*

I *M.* take thee *N.* to my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part, according to God's holy ordinance: and thereto I plight thee my troth.

¶ *Then shall they loose their hands, and the Woman, with her right hand taking the Man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Minister:*

I *N.* take thee *M.* to my wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part, according to God's holy ordinance: and thereto I give thee my troth.

¶ *The Minister, having received the Ring from the Man, shall deliver it back to him, to put it upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand. This being done, and the married persons again joining hands, the Minister shall say:*

THIS Ring is consecrated as the token and pledge of your mutual truth and affection; and worn upon the hand of the woman becomes the accepted symbol of that spiritual union which it is the office of marriage to secure. And by it you declare yourselves husband and wife, according to God's holy ordinance.

¶ *The Husband and Wife shall severally answer:*

I do.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

FORASMUCH as *M.* and *N.* have consented together in wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have engaged and pledged themselves to each other, and have declared the same, by giving and receiving a ring, I pronounce them henceforth Husband and Wife.

¶ *Then the Minister shall join their right hands together, and say:*

Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

Let us pray.

O ETERNAL God, giver of all spiritual grace, send thy blessing upon thy servants, whom we bless in thy name. Enable them to perform the covenant which they have now made in thy presence. May they dwell together in peace and love, in holiness and comfort; in the Christian faith, and in the practice of all Christian virtues. Bless, preserve, and keep them; fill them with all spiritual benediction and grace; that they

may so live together in this life, that daily they may enter into the life everlasting. We ask this in the name, and as the disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say this Benediction:*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE ORDER

FOR

THE VISITATION OF THE SICK.

¶ *The Minister may begin with saying:*

PEACE be to this house, and to all that dwell in it.

¶ *Then the Minister may exhort the sick person after one of these forms, or in any other that he may think suitable.*

DEARLY beloved, you are persuaded that neither sickness nor crosses come by chance to any one.

But you believe that it is God who sendeth them, without whose Providence they fall not on us.

You acknowledge God to be most wise, and to suffer nothing to befall us but for our good.

Acknowledge, therefore, that this his present visitation is for your benefit, and say in your heart:

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou, of very faithfulness, hast caused me to be troubled.

DEARLY beloved, you know and confess that God beareth the affection of a father towards his children. You know also that a father, whether he dote upon his child, or whether he chasten him, continueth a father in both cases, and loveth him in the one no less than in the other.

Think the same of God, as touching yourself: that while he gave you good days, he loved you; and that now he sendeth you some evil, he loveth you still, and would not have sent you this evil, but to be a cause unto you of greater good, that, being called home thereby, you might be at peace.

¶ *Then shall the Minister, kneeling down, say the two Prayers following:*

O LORD, look down from heaven: behold, visit, and relieve this thy servant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; give *him* comfort and sure confidence in thee; support *him* under all the trials of *his* present

sickness; relieve *his* pains, if it seem good in thy sight; and keep *him* in perpetual peace and safety through thy great loving-kindness in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

HEAR us, almighty and most merciful God and Saviour: extend thy accustomed goodness to this thy servant who is grieved with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech thee, this thy fatherly correction to *him:* that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance; that, if it shall be thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear and to thy glory; or else give *him* grace so to take thy visitation, that, after this life is ended, *he* may dwell with thee and with thy glorified Son in life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *Or, instead of these two Prayers, one of the following:*

O LORD, gracious and merciful, dispose the heart of thy servant, we beseech thee, to receive with all meekness this gentle and fatherly correction which thou hast laid

upon *him;* that *he* may endure it patiently and with willing obedience, submitting *himself* with heart and mind to thy holy will. May it please thee of thy great goodness, O Lord, to assist *him* in all *his* anguish and suffering; and although the tongue and voice be not able to execute their office in setting forth thy glory, do thou stir *his* heart to aspire unto thee, the fountain of all goodness; and fill *his* mind with the sweet and blessed promises which thou hast made to us in Christ Jesus thy Son. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, merciful and gracious, thou hast now called thy servant to the fellowship of the cross. Grant, we earnestly beseech thee, that *his* sufferings may be so sanctified by thy grace, as indeed to unite *him* more closely to thy blessed Son. O heavenly Father, support the spirit of thy child who now flies to thee for succor; make *him* ready to receive any fatherly chastening thou shalt see fit to appoint: that *he* may either, upon the return of health, run a new race of holiness and well-doing; or, passing hence by the gate of death, be prepared to enter into the joy of *his* Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then this Prayer for Forgiveness:*

O MOST merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent that thou rememberest them no more; Open thine eye of mercy upon this thy servant, who most earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *him*, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by *his* own carnal will and frailness. Consider *his* contrition; accept *his* tears; strengthen *him* with thy blessed Spirit; and when it shall be thy will to take *him* hence, receive *him* into thy heavenly presence, and into everlasting fellowship with thy most dearly beloved Son. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be read one or more of the following Selections:*

MY soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.

In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour

out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning.

Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble. thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand and save me.

Therefore will I not fear, for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee, saith the Lord.

Be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Because thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away.

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Let not your heart be troubled, saith the Lord, neither let it be afraid. I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted.

For I know the thoughts that I think

towards you, saith the Lord; thoughts of peace, and not of evil.

If thou turn unto the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, he will comfort thee.

Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee.

I will turn unto the Lord, and put my trust in him.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever.

Whether we live, we live unto the Lord, and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's.

Trust therefore in the Lord, for he doeth all things well.

¶ *When the Person sick is aged.*

O GOD, thou hast taught me from my youth; and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

Now also when I am old and grey-headed, O God, forsake me not; for thou art my hope.

Unless the Lord had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.

In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honor all the day.

Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

For my soul is full of troubles; and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever.

He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.

Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

And I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor

powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say this Benediction:*

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Short Prayers.

TO BE USED BY THE SICK.

FATHER in heaven, I accept this sickness from thy hands, and entirely resign myself to thy blessed will, whether it be for life or for death. In the spirit of thy Son Jesus Christ may I say, Not my will, but thine be done; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

O EVER-BLESSED Lord God, I offer up to thee all that I now suffer, or may have yet to suffer, to be united to the sufferings of thy beloved Son, and so sanctified and rendered acceptable to thee. Amen.

O HOLY and ever-blessed Father, I desire to praise thee always, in sickness as well as in health: I desire to join my heart and my voice with the whole Church of heaven and earth, in blessing thy holy name for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *A Prayer for a Sick Child.*

O ALMIGHTY God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; Look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this child, now lying on the bed of sickness. Visit *him*, O Lord, with thy salvation; deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain; and if it shall be thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, grant that *he* may live to thee, serving thee faithfully and doing good in *his* generation: but whenever it may please thee to take away *his*

spirit from this world, may *he* be received into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of the righteous enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy great mercy in Jesus Christ thy Son. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for a Sick Person when there appear Small Hopes of Recovery.*

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly unto thee for succor in behalf of this thy servant here lying in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen *him*, we beseech thee, so much the more continually with thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. May a steadfast faith in thy Son Jesus support and comfort *him*. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life past; that *his* sins may be done away by thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more seen. We know, O Lord, that there is no work impossible with thee; and that, if thou wilt, thou canst even yet raise *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance amongst us. Yet, foras-

much as in all appearance the time of *his* dissolution draweth near, so fit and prepare *him*, we beseech thee, against the hour of death, that after *his* departure hence in peace, and in thy favor, *his* soul may be received into the joys and blessedness of that glorious immortality which thy Son Jesus Christ hath brought to light. *Amen.*

¶ *A Commendatory Prayer for a Sick Person at the Point of Departure.*

O ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after their departure from this world; We humbly commend the soul of this thy servant, our dear *brother*, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful heavenly Father; most humbly beseeching thee of thy great love to receive *him* into that better country which thou hast revealed to us by thy Son Jesus Christ. Teach us who survive to see in this and other like instances of mortality, how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for Persons troubled in Mind or in Conscience.*

O BLESSED Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comforts; We beseech thee, look down in pity and compassion upon this thy afflicted servant. Thou makest *him* to possess *his* former iniquities: thy hand lieth heavily upon *him;* and *his* soul is full of trouble. But, O merciful God, who hast caused thy holy word to be written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the holy Scriptures might have hope; give *him* a right understanding of *himself* and of thy fatherly chastenings; that *he* may neither cast away *his* confidence in thee, nor place it anywhere but in thee. Be thou *his* refuge in temptation, and help *him* in *his* infirmities by thy Holy Spirit. Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax. Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make *him* to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. And as thou forgivest much, so may *he* love much. Lift up, O Lord, the light of thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, through thy fatherly love in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *A Collect for the Communion of the Sick.*

ALMIGHTY, ever-living God, maker of mankind, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who dost correct those whom thou dost love, and chasten every one whom thou dost receive; We beseech thee to have mercy upon this thy servant visited with thy hand, and to grant that *he* may take *his* sickness patiently, and recover *his* bodily health, if it be thy gracious will; and whensoever *he* shall be called away from this world, may *he* have part in the joys and blessedness of the life to come. *Amen.*

¶ *Thanksgiving for Recovery.*

O MOST mighty and gracious God, thy mercy is over all thy works, and hath especially gladdened our hearts in the recovery of our dear *brother* from dangerous sickness. Thou redeemest our life from destruction, and crownest us with loving-kindness and tender mercies. Suffer us not, O Lord, to be in the number of those who are forward to ask in the time of need, but careless to show themselves thankful when mercy is bestowed. Make us as desirous to come unto thee with

the sacrifices of praise, as we were ready to beg help and comfort in the day of our necessity; and may we show our thankfulness, not only by words, but by earnest obedience to thy holy commandments. Grant, we beseech thee, that we may not so love this life, as to be unwilling to leave it when thou callest us; but, living or dying, may we be thine through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer that may be said after a Death in a Family.*

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast seen fit to take our dear *brother* from this world; Grant that we sorrow not as those who have no hope; but that we may put our trust in the promises of holy Scripture which saith, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; Yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. May we rest in these words, and in thy fatherly mercy, and wait patiently for that happy reunion, the hope of which is now our sweet comfort. O God, may each of us be among those whose deeds and words show that they seek a country, even our everlasting home. Forgive us wherein we have sinned against

thee: fit us to live or to die. O let it be the work of our lives to do thy holy will, and follow after thee as dear children. Hear us, gracious and merciful Lord God, who hast blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. *Amen.*

THE ORDER

FOR

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

¶ *When the Procession is entering the Church, the Minister shall read these sentences of Scripture; all standing. If the service be held in a private house, it may begin in the same way.*

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. *St. John* xi. 25, 26.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. *Job* i. 21.

All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: but the word of the Lord endureth forever. 1 *Peter* i. 24, 25.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung one of the following Psalms:*

Psalm xxxix.

LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, thou hast made my days as an hand-breadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh in a vain show: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it.

Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for

I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

Psalm xc.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

We spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years

and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

¶ *Here, if the Psalm be read, a Hymn may be sung.*

¶ *Then shall follow this Lesson from* 1 *Cor.* xv.:

NOW is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the

stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory.

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

Howbeit, that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality; then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the Law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

¶ *Or the Minister may read one or more of the following Lessons:*

St. John xiv.

LET not your heart be troubled, saith the Lord, our Redeemer: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

2 *Corinthians* iv., v.

FOR our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Revelation xxi., xxii.

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true.

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant

mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him: for we shall see him as he is.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

St. Mark x. 13–16. *St. Matthew* xviii. 10, 14.

AND they brought young children to him, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones: for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

¶ *Here a Hymn may be sung.*

¶ *If there be an Address, it may be introduced here. And then the Minister may offer Prayer in his own words, or say one of the following Prayers:*

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the

Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We thank thee for having given to us the dear friend whom thou hast now taken away; and for the blessed assurance that, though *he* will not come to us, we shall go to *him*. O grant, we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss in thine eternal glory. *Amen.*

LORD God, holy Father, be thou blessed both now and evermore: for all that thou doest is good. Thou hast seen fit to take away one who is dear to us: give us, we beseech thee, the spirit of filial submission. Enable us to say, It is well, for thou didst it. May we feel that thy will is better than anything we can desire for ourselves; and find comfort in holy and happy thoughts of the unseen world. Bring home to our hearts thy Son's promises to those who fall asleep in him.

O Lord, teach us how to live so as to please thee. May nothing cause us to forget that we are pilgrims and sojourners here, as our fathers were; and may we set our chief affec-

tions on those things which are above. Merciful Father, forgive us our sins, and raise us from the death of sin to a life of righteousness.

O Lord God, fill our hearts with gratitude for thy great loving-kindness to us. When thou takest away, we see how much thou hast given. We thank thee for the sweet memory of blessings which are for a season withdrawn from us, and for the many blessings which yet remain, and for hopes which no earthly troubles can overshadow. Hear, accept, and answer these our prayers, which we would offer to thee in the faith and spirit of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said after the Minister.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn of Consolation (unannounced).*

¶ *Then the Minister, on the way to the Grave or in the body of the Church, shall say:*

WE know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 *Cor.* v. 1.

I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. *Psalm* xvi. 8-10.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. *Psalm* xxiii. 4.

¶ *When they come to the Grave, while the Body is made ready to be laid into the Earth, the Minister shall say:*

MAN, that is born of a woman, hath but a short time to live, and hath much trouble. He cometh up, and is cut down, like

a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay. In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succor, but of thee, O Lord, in whom our souls do rest and hope?

¶ *When the Body has been lowered into the Grave, the Minister shall say:*

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased God of his great mercy to take unto himself the life of our dear friend here departed, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of a resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who hath overcome death, and opened to all men the life of the Spirit; according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

¶ *Then shall be said:*

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so saith

the Spirit; for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

¶ *At the Burial of a Young Child, may be said, instead of the above:*

I HEARD the voice of Jesus, saying, Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the following Collect:*

O GOD, our heavenly Father, grant that we sorrow not as those who know not the promises of thy holy Gospel: but may we look forward to the great gathering of thy faithful servants and children into their everlasting home. O thou in whom we trust, help us by thy grace, that we may live as the heirs of this blessed and glorious hope, which thou hast set before us in thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *And this Benediction:*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

AT THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD AT SEA.

¶ *The above Office may be used: only, when the Body is lowered into the Sea, the following words shall be said, instead of those to be said when the Body is lowered into the Ground.*

WE now commit the body of our dear departed friend to the deep, in the blessed hope that as *he* has borne the image of the earthy, so also *he* shall bear the image of the heavenly, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS

THAT MAY BE USED AT SEA.

¶ *During a Storm.*

O MOST gracious and merciful Lord God, who dwellest in heaven, but beholdest all things below; Look down on us thy servants, who in our great distress cry unto thee for help. Send forth thy word to calm the fury of the waves, which seem ready to swallow us up. Yet, O ever-blessed Father, let not the suddenness of our present extremity find us far away from thee; but may our trust in thee be stronger than our fears, though the waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Give us grace, we earnestly beseech thee, that if our lives be spared, we may devote them to thy most holy service as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ; and that if this should be our last day here below, we may, through thy mercy, be received into the blessed shelter of our everlasting home. *Amen.*

¶ *Thanksgiving after a Storm.*

CONFITEANTUR DOMINO. *Psalm* cvii.

O THAT men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Let them offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving; and declare his works with rejoicing.

They that go down to the sea in ships, and do business in great waters,

These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven; they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble; and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

¶ *Collect of Thanksgiving.*

O MOST mighty and gracious Lord God, thy loving-kindness is over all thy works, but in special manner hath been extended to us, whom thou hast so powerfully and wonderfully delivered. Thou hast showed us terrible things, and wonders in the deep; and we bless and glorify thy name for thy mercy in saving us, when we were ready to perish. Make us, we beseech thee, as truly sensible now of thy mercy, as we were then of the danger; and give us hearts always ready to express our thankfulness, not only by words, but also by our lives, in being more obedient to thy holy commandments. Bring us, O Lord, to our haven in safety, and fill us with thy Holy Spirit, that we whom thou hast saved may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life, as humble disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PRAYERS

TO BE USED IN FAMILIES, OR TO BE SAID IN PRIVATE.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessings.

THE Lord bless us and keep us this day and ever, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and give us peace this day and forevermore. *Amen.*

The Lord preserve our going out and our coming in this day and evermore. *Amen.*

The Lord Jesus Christ, according to his promise, be with us always, even to the end of the world. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our minds and hearts through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. *Amen.*

Morning or Evening.

O GOD who art the Truth, O God who art a Spirit, help us in spirit and in truth to worship thy great name; not acknowledging thee in one place or at one time only, but in every place and at every time, in all we do and in all we see, in our work and in our rest, in our laughter and in our tears, in loneliness and in fellowship, in the eye of day and in the shadow of night, beneath the open sky as in the house of prayer, in the heart of the little

child as in the wisdom of man, in the fulness of health and strength and happiness as in the valley of the shadow of death, through which, O Father Almighty, do thou in thy mercy bear us to never-ending Life and Light and Love. *Amen.*

O GOD, who art near us always, we would speak with thee, and thank thee for all the good gifts with which thou hast filled our lives: for blessings all about our path; for love, that makes life beautiful; for all thoughts that uplift and gladden us; for disappointment and failure, which humble us; for pain and distress, which teach us our need: but most of all for our hope in thee, and the fulness of joy which thy presence brings.

Let us never doubt that, having led us thus far, thou wilt lead us to the end, and that thou hast in store for us that perfect gladness of which we see some glimpses here.

We all wish to serve thee: show to each of us how we shall do it best. Look upon all of us who bow before thee this morning; use us as thou wilt, — hands to work for thee, feet to run for thee, lips to speak of thee and sing for

thee, thoughts to use for thee, hearts to love as thou lovest.

Let us have no lower aim; let none of us measure ourselves by others, or by any narrow and common standard of good: but let our lives be beautiful on all sides, and full of this desire to be perfect as thou art perfect.

We ask, knowing how poor and weak we are, in thy strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, whom to know is to be truly wise, grant unto us that so far as thou mayest be known, we may know thee.

O Father, have mercy upon us, when, knowing what is good, we do it not. In this sore strife of life be near to us. We beseech thee lay thy gentle hand upon us when we suffer the plain way that leads to God to be darkened by vain speculation. Grant that by doing humbly what we do know, it may be a stepping-stone to higher knowledge and better doing.

Grant us a spirit of loving-kindness to all men. Temper our pleasure, that it may bring us wisdom; temper our sadness, that it may ring us peace. *Amen.*

GRANT, Almighty God, that we may this day endeavor to be that which thou wouldst have us to be, and to do that which thou commandest; listening to the voice of thy Spirit within us; not leaving one fault unrepented of, one spot in our hearts uncleansed, and sparing least of all that sin with which it costeth us most to part; not looking back, but forward; not casting down our eyes to earth, but lifting them up to heaven; not leaning upon mortal man, but upon thee, the Rock of Ages, who standeth fast forever; loving all men, doing good unto all men, loving thee, and never doubting that thou lovest us, and wilt make all things work together for good to those who trust thee, our Lord, our Father, and our God. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, be pleased with thy Spirit so to order our knowledge of thee, that every duty and pleasure of our life, all suffering and sinning, all hope and trembling, may but lead us more and more to a perfect faith and trust in thee; that understanding what we may understand, and doing that which we do know, we may, with a quiet heart, leave the deep things of God unsounded.

Enough for us to see that what is holiest is best, and that the holiest and best that we can see in man is but the light that comes from thee, the perfect source of love and good. Guide us in this our course, and give us an entrance into a still higher, diviner, nobler life. We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, raise us above ourselves and above our needs; bid us worship thee not less than pray to thee. Take away selfishness from our prayers not less than from our hearts and lives.

When we pray to thee for our own good, lead us not to forget the good of others. And when we pray for others, give us grace to resolve, also, to seek their good in all that we do, and to keep ourselves from evil for their sake. *Amen.*

Evening.

ABIDE with us, O Lord, this night, that the brightness of thy love may be around us, and that the darkness may not be dark. Abide with us, O Lord, this night, for

in loneliness we are not alone if thou be nigh. Abide with the sick, the sorrowful, the forsaken, and the weary, O Lord, to strengthen, to comfort, to cheer, and to give rest. Shield us all from that darkness of the soul which seeth thee not, that loneliness of the heart which heareth not thy voice.

Abide with us through life, and in the valley of the shadow of death forsake us not, but bid us be of good courage, for thou art with us still.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, O God, forever. *Amen.*

O THOU whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light, who seest us weary and heavy-laden with sorrow and with sin, who countest all our tears of penitence and remorse; Draw nigh unto us in mercy, that at thy feet we may cast down our earthly burdens and take upon us thy gentle yoke, to rise up strong in thy strength, comforted in thy forgiveness, and joyful in thy everlasting love. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, whose light is of eternity and knoweth no setting, shine forth

and be our safeguard through the night; and though the earth be wrapped in darkness and the heavens be veiled from our sight, let thy brightness be about our beds and thy peace within our souls, and thy fatherly blessing upon our sleep this night. *Amen.*

O MOST loving Father, who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of thee, and to cast all our care on thee who carest for us; Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that Love which is immortal, and which thou hast manifested unto us in thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O JESUS, our Master, do thou meet us while we walk in the way and long to reach thy country, so that, following thy light, we may keep the way of righteousness, and never wander away into the darkness of this world's night while thou, who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life, art shining within us. *Amen.*

For Special Use.

In Times of Sorrow.

ALMIGHTY God, who in the time of our shadow and darkness canst be our only true and lasting light, look upon us thy sad children with thy constant mercy, and give unto us the spirit of understanding promised by thy dear Son.

When our eyes no longer behold what we have loved, and when we listen for the footsteps of those who have gone out of our sight, and hear them not, what can we do but turn to thee?

And when our hearts fail us, and we sigh for that which cannot be, and no traveller comes back from that far country, and there are none to comfort us, make us to trust in thee. Then comfort our souls with the words of thy Son, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also."

Give us this comfort of Christ, through the spirit of truth, in which grant us all to abide forevermore through Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Children.

O JESUS CHRIST, the Lord of children, be near to all children's hearts to-day.

In their pleasant play make them to remember thy holy childhood, and put away all self-loving thoughts and ways, all untruthfulness and disobedience, all angry words and deeds.

Comfort them in all their troubles, which are known to thee, and lead them on through pure and faithful lives to thyself, thy children's home. *Amen.*

For Those we Love.

O THOU who hast ordered this wondrous world, who knowest all things in earth and heaven: So fill our hearts with trust in thee, that by night and by day, at all times and in all seasons, we may without fear commit those who are dear to us to thy never-failing love for this life and the life to come. *Amen.*

For Sleep.

O THOU from whose fatherly hand sleep falleth nightly on the eyelids of man, whereby his body forgetteth its toil and his

soul its sorrow; Teach us ever to receive it with grateful hearts, and grant that lying down this night with our souls at peace, and fearing no harm which man can do unto us, we may sleep secure in the guardianship of thy love. *Amen.*

For Good Friday.

O CHRIST, at the foot of thy cross, we thank thee for the lesson thou hast taught us, that only through death can we enter into life; that only in losing our life can we truly find it; that except the grain of our earthly nature fall into the ground and die, it can bear no fruit unto life eternal.

We pray thee, by all thy love and by all thy pain, by the hour of thine agony, the forsaking of thine own, the scorn of thine enemies, the cry of thy last breath, we entreat thee, O Lord, by all these things, that thou wilt not leave us here alone, alive to self and sin, but lift us up, draw us unto thee, so that, nailed to thy cross, buried in thy grave, we may await in perfect peace the will of our Father. *Amen.*

For Easter Day.

O LORD JESUS, whom the grave could not hold, grant us grace this day to be one with thee, that having died to sin we may rise with thee and dwell with thee in heavenly places; that earthly care and sin and sorrow may be to us as things we have left behind, shadows of the tomb; and the only realities for us thy presence and thy love.

Give us such joy in thee that the song of our souls, the assurance of our hearts, may be, "Christ is indeed arisen." *Amen.*

SELECTIONS FROM THE PSALMS.

¶ *To be read in verses, alternately, by Minister and People.*

PSALM IV.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness; thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame, and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?

Know this, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man who is godly; when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, Who will show us any good?

Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than when their corn, and wine, and oil increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest, for it is thou, O Lord, only, who makest me dwell in safety.

PSALM V.

GIVE ear unto my words, O Lord; consider my meditation.

O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God; for unto thee will I make my prayer.

My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord; early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art a God who hast no pleasure in wickedness; neither shall any evil dwell with thee.

Such as be foolish shall not stand in thy sight; for thou hatest all those who work iniquity.

Thou shalt destroy those who speak falsehood; the Lord will abhor both the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

But as for me, I will come into thy house, in the multitude of thy mercy; and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies; make thy way plain before my face.

Let all those who put their trust in thee rejoice; they shall ever be giving of thanks, because thou

defendest them; they who love thy name shall be joyful in thee.

For thou, Lord, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous; and with thy favor wilt thou defend him as with a shield.

PSALM VI.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, for my heart is vexed.

My soul is also solely troubled; but thou, O Lord, how long?

Return, O Lord, deliver my soul; O save me for thy mercies' sake.

For in death there is no remembrance of thee; in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my pillow to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

Mine eye is consumed because of grief; but the Lord will hear the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will answer my prayer.

PSALM VII.

O LORD my God, in thee have I put my trust; save me from all those who persecute me, and deliver me:

Lest he devour my soul like a lion, and tear it in pieces, while there is none to help.

O Lord my God, if I have done this thing; or if there be any wickedness in my hands;

If I have rewarded evil unto him who dealt friendly with me; (yea, I have delivered him who without any cause is mine enemy;)

Then let mine enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth, and lay mine honor in the dust.

The Lord shall judge the people; give sentence with me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to the integrity that is in me.

O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end; but guide thou the just.

For the righteous God trieth the very hearts and reins.

My help cometh of God, who preserveth those who are true of heart.

God is a righteous judge; and God is angry with the wicked every day.

I will give thanks unto the Lord, according to his righteousness; and I will praise the name of the Lord Most High.

PSALM VIII.

O LORD our God, how excellent is thy name in all the world! thou who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast

thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies; that thou mightest still the enemy and the revengeful.

When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Thou madest him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet;

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our God, how excellent is thy name in all the world!

PSALM IX.

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will speak of all thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in thee; I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.

Thou hast rebuked the nations, and destroyed the ungodly; thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

Desolations have consumed the enemy forever; and as to the cities which thou hast destroyed, their memory is perished with them.

But the Lord shall endure forever; he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

And he shall judge the world in righteousness, and minister true judgment unto the people.

The Lord also will be a defence for the oppressed, even a refuge in time of trouble.

And they who know thy name will put their trust in thee; for thou, Lord, hast never failed those who seek thee.

O praise the Lord, who dwelleth in Zion: show the people of his doings.

For when he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them, and forgetteth not the complaint of the poor.

The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made; in the same net which they hid privily is their own foot taken.

The Lord is known to execute judgment; the ungodly is insnared in the work of his own hands.

The wicked shall be turned into the pit, and all the people who forget God.

For the poor shall not always be forgotten; the patient abiding of the afflicted shall not perish forever.

Arise, O Lord, and let not man prevail; let the nations be judged in thy sight.

Put them in fear, O Lord; that the nations may know themselves to be but men.

PSALM XII.

HELP, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

They speak vanity every one with his neighbor; they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble in their double heart.

The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:

Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; we are they who ought to speak; who is lord over us?

Now for the oppression of the needy, and because of the deep sighing of the poor,

I will arise, saith the Lord, and will help every one from him who swelleth against him, and will set him at rest.

The words of the Lord are pure words; even as the silver which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire.

Thou shalt keep them, O Lord; thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever.

PSALM XV.

LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle? or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

Even he who leadeth an uncorrupt life, and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

He who hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbor, nor slandered his neighbor.

He who despiseth a worthless person, but honoreth those who fear the Lord.

He who sweareth unto his neighbor, and disappointeth him not, though it were to his own hindrance.

He who hath not given his money upon usury, nor taken a bribe against the innocent.

Whoso doeth these things shall never fall.

For Easter Day.

PSALM XVI.

PRESERVE me, O God; for in thee have I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my God; I have nothing good without thee.

The saints who are on the earth, and the excellent, in them is all my delight.

They who run after another god shall have great trouble.

Their drink offerings of blood will I not offer; neither make mention of their names with my lips.

The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup; thou shalt maintain my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will thank the Lord for giving me counsel: my secret thoughts also instruct me in the night season.

I have set the Lord alway before me; for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave, neither wilt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; and at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

PSALM XIX.

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handy-work.

Day unto day uttereth speech; night unto night showeth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

Their sounds are gone out into all lands; and their words unto the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, who cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

He goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and his circuit is unto the end of it again; and there is nothing hid from his heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth forever; the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant warned; and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors? O cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

PSALM XXIII.

THE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PSALM XXIV.

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they who dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

Even he who hath clean hands and a pure heart, and who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them who seek him, even of them who seek thy face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? It is the Lord, strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

PSALM XXVI.

BE thou my judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently; my trust hath been also in the Lord; therefore shall I not fall.

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes, and I will walk in thy truth.

I have not dwelt with vain persons; neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.

I have hated the congregation of the wicked; and will not sit among the ungodly.

I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord, and so will I go to thine altar;

That I may show the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth.

O shut not up my soul with the sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty;

In whose hands is wickedness, and their right hand is full of bribes.

But as for me, I will walk innocently; O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.

My feet tread in a straight path; I will praise the Lord in the congregations.

PSALM XXVII.

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

Though an host of men encamp against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will seek after; even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me upon a rock of stone.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee; have mercy upon me, and hear me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

O hide thou not thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

Thou hast been my succor; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me, yet the Lord taketh me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

I should utterly have fainted, but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

O wait thou on the Lord; be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

PSALM XXXI.

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion; deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence, that thou mayest save me.

For thou art my strong rock and my castle; be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy name's sake.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit; for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

I have hated those who regard lying vanities, and my trust hath been in the Lord.

I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy; for thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversities.

O how plentiful is thy goodness which thou hast laid up for those who fear thee, and that thou hast prepared for those who put their trust in thee, even before the sons of men!

Thou shalt hide them in the place of thine own presence from the insults of men; thou shalt keep them secretly in thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues.

Thanks be to the Lord; for he hath shown me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

For I had said in my haste, I am cast out of the sight of thine eyes.

Nevertheless, thou heardest the voice of my prayer when I cried unto thee.

O love the Lord, all ye his saints; for the Lord preserveth those who are faithful, and plenteously rewardeth the proud doer.

Be strong, and he shall establish your heart, all ye who put your trust in the Lord.

PSALM XXXIV.

I WILL alway give thanks unto the Lord; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnify his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me; yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

They looked unto him and were enlightened; and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him; yea, saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about those who fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste, and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye who are his saints; for those who fear him lack nothing.

The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Come, ye children, and hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he who desireth to live, and would fain see good days?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips that they speak no guile.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayer.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto those who are of a contrite heart, and will save such as are of an humble spirit.

Great are the troubles of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

He keepeth all his bones; so that not one of them is broken.

But misfortune shall slay the ungodly; and they who hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants; and none of those who put their trust in him shall be desolate.

PSALM XL.

I WAITED patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.

He brought me also out of the horrible pit, and out of the mire and clay, and set my feet upon the rock, and established my goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even a thanksgiving unto our God.

Many shall see it, and fear, and shall put their trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the man who hath set his hope in the Lord, and turned not unto the proud, and such as go about with lies.

Many, O Lord my God, are the wondrous works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward; they cannot be numbered unto thee.

If I should declare them, and speak of them, they would be more than I am able to express.

Sacrifice and meat offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened.

Burnt-offerings and sacrifice for sin hast thou not required; then said I, Lo, I come.

In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God; I delight to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.

I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation; lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; my talk hath been of thy truth, and of thy salvation.

I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth from the great congregation.

Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord; let thy loving-kindness and thy truth alway preserve me.

For innumerable troubles are come about me; my sins have taken such hold upon me, that I am not able to look up; yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed me.

O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to deliver me; make haste, O Lord, to help me.

Let all those who seek thee be joyful and glad in thee; and let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be praised.

As for me, I am poor and needy; but the Lord careth for me.

Thou art my helper and redeemer; make no long tarrying, O my God.

PSALM XLII.

AS the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

When I remember this, I pour out my soul within me; for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy day.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

O my God, my soul is cast down within me, while I remember thee from the land of Jordan and Hermon, from the Mountain Mizar.

Deep calleth unto deep, at the noise of thy water-falls; all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

Once the Lord commanded his loving-kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song was with me; thanksgiving to the God of my life.

Now I say unto God, My refuge, why hast thou forgotten me? Why go I mourning, because of the oppression of the enemy?

As with a sword in my bones my enemies reproach me, while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him who is the health of my countenance and my God.

PSALM XLVI.

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell, and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen raged, and the kingdoms were moved; but God uttered his voice, and the earth melted away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord, what destruction he hath brought upon the arth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world; he breaketh the bow, and snappeth the spear in sunder and burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

For Good Friday.

PSALM LI.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness; and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight; that thou mightest be justified in thy sentence, and be clear when thou judgest.

Behold, thou requirest truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

For thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it thee; thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

PSALM LV.

HEAR my prayer, O God, and hide not thy self from my petition.

Take heed unto me, and hear me; how I mourn in my prayer, and am troubled.

My heart is disquieted within me, and the fear of death is fallen upon me.

Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and an horrible dread hath overwhelmed me.

And I said, O that I had wings like a dove; for then would I flee away, and be at rest.

Lo, then would I get me away far off, and remain in the wilderness.

I would make haste to escape from the stormy wind and tempest.

But yet I will call upon God, and the Lord shall save me.

In the evening, and morning, and at noonday will I pray, and that instantly; and he shall hear my voice.

O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall nourish thee, and shall not suffer the righteous to fall forever.

PSALM LVII.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee; and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this calamity be overpast.

I will call unto the most high God, even unto the God who will perform all things for me.

He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him who would swallow me up.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let thy glory be above all the earth.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise.

Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp; I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people, and I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let thy glory be above all the earth.

PSALM LXI.

HEAR my cry, O God; give ear unto my prayer.

From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee, when my heart is in heaviness.

O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I; for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.

I will dwell in thy tabernacle forever, and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.

For thou, O Lord, hast heard my desires, and hast given an heritage unto those who fear thy name.

Thou shalt grant the king a long life, that his years may endure throughout all generations.

He shall dwell before God forever; O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.

So will I alway sing praise unto thy name, that I may daily perform my vows.

PSALM LXII.

MY soul truly waiteth upon God; for of him cometh my salvation.

He only is my strength and my salvation; he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.

My soul, wait thou still upon God; for my hope is in him.

He truly is my strength and my salvation; he is my defence, so that I shall not fall.

In God is my health and my glory, the rock of my might, and in God is my trust.

O put your trust in him alway, ye people; pour out your hearts before him; for God is our hope.

As for the men of low degree, they are but vanity; the men of high degree are deceit; laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity itself.

O trust not in wrong and robbery; give not yourselves unto vanity; if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

God spake once, and twice I have also heard the same, that power belongeth unto God.

Also to thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy; for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

PSALM LXIII.

O GOD, thou art my God; early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee, in a barren and dry land, where no water is;

That I might behold thy power and glory, as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

Because thy loving-kindness is better than life itself, my lips shall praise thee.

Thus will I magnify thee as long as I live, and lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied even as it were with marrow and fatness, when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

Have I not remembered thee in my bed, and thought upon thee when I was waking?

Because thou hast been my helper, therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul hangeth upon thee; thy right hand hath upholden me.

PSALM LXV.

PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

O thou who hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

My misdeeds prevail against me; O be thou merciful unto our sins.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee; he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation; thou who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those who are afar off upon the sea;

Who in thy strength settest fast the mountains, and art girded about with power;

Who stillest the raging of the sea, and the noise of its waves, and the madness of the people. They also who dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens; thou who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth and blessest it; thou makest it very plenteous with the river of God, which is full of water.

Thou preparest their corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof, thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness, and thy clouds drop fatness.

They drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness, and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The mountains shall be clothed with sheep; the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing.

PSALM LXVI.

O BE joyful in God, all ye lands; sing praises unto the honor of his name; make his praise to be glorious.

Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in

thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

For all the world shall worship thee, sing of thee, and praise thy name.

O come hither, and behold the works of God; how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men!

He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice in him.

He ruleth with his power forever; his eyes behold the people; and such as are rebellious shall not be able to exalt themselves.

O praise our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip.

For thou, O God, hast proved us; thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the snare, and laidst trouble upon us.

Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a place of refreshment.

O come hither and hearken, all ye who fear God, and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.

I called unto him with my mouth, and gave him praises with my tongue.

If I incline unto wickedness with my heart, the Lord will not hear me.

But God hath heard me, and considered the voice of my prayer.

Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer, nor turned his mercy from me.

PSALM LXXVII.

I WILL cry unto God with my voice, even unto God will I cry with my voice; and O that he would hearken unto me!

In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord; I stretched out my hands to him all the night long; my soul refused comfort.

When I am in heaviness, I will think upon God; when my heart is vexed, I will complain.

I consider the days of old, and remember the years that are past.

I call to remembrance my song in the night; I commune with mine own heart, and search out my spirit.

Will the Lord absent himself forever? and will he be no more entreated?

Is his mercy clean gone forever? and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious? and will he shut up his loving-kindness in displeasure?

And I said, It is mine own infirmity; I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.

I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind thy wonders of old time.

I will think also of all thy works, and my talk shall be of thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is holy; who is so great a God as our God?

Thou art the God who doest wonders, and hast declared thy power among the nations.

Thou hast mightily delivered thy people, even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee, and were afraid; the depths also were troubled.

The clouds poured out water, the air thundered, and thine arrows went abroad.

The voice of thy thunder was heard round about; the lightnings shone upon the ground; the earth was moved and shook withal.

Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

Thou leddest thy people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM LXXXIV.

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

As the sparrow findeth an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young, so let me dwell at thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in thy house; they will be alway praising thee.

Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee, in whose heart are thy ways.

For them the desert valley of Baka hath fountains; and they are refreshed with abundant showers.

They will go from strength to strength, till every one of them appeareth before God, in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence; the Lord will give grace and glory; and no good thing shall he withhold from those who live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the man who putteth his trust in thee.

For Christmas Day.

PSALM LXXXV.

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land; thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, and covered all their sins.

Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

Turn us then, O God our Saviour, and let thine anger cease from us.

Wilt thou be displeased at us forever? and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak; for he will speak peace to his people and his saints; only let them not return to their folly again.

For his salvation is nigh those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall show his loving-kindness; and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, and shall keep his path continually.

PSALM LXXXVI.

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me, for I am poor and in misery.

Preserve thou my soul, for thou art my hope; my God, save thy servant who putteth his trust in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I will call daily upon thee.

Comfort the soul of thy servant; for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all those who call upon thee.

Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer, and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee; for thou hearest me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; there is not one who can do as thou doest.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship thee, O Lord, and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth; O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy name.

I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and will praise thy name forevermore.

For great is thy mercy toward me, and thou hast delivered my soul from the terrors of death.

O God, the proud are risen against me, and the congregations of violent men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before their eyes.

But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.

Show some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed; because thou, Lord, hast holden me, and comforted me.

PSALM XCI.

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold; my God, in whom I will trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his wings, and thou shalt be safe under them; his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the sickness that destroyeth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

But with thine eyes shalt thou behold, and see the reward of the ungodly.

Because thou hast made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil happen unto thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands, that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him up, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

PSALM CIII.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgiveth all thy iniquities, and healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

Who satisfieth thy life with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all those who are oppressed.

He showed his ways unto Moses, his works unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He will not alway chide; neither keepeth he his anger forever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; even so the Lord pitieth those who fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are but dust.

The days of man are but as grass; he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon those who fear him, and his righteousness upon children's children;

Even upon such as keep his covenant, and think upon his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath established his throne in heaven; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye who excel

in strength, ye who fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts, ye servants of his who do his pleasure.

O praise the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion; praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

PSALM CXI.

I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart, secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out by all those who have pleasure therein.

His works are worthy to be praised and had in honor, and his righteousness endureth forever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He hath given food unto those who fear him; for he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath shown his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are true.

They stand fast for ever and ever, for they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption unto his people, he hath confirmed his covenant forever; holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they who obey him; his praise endureth forever.

For Easter Day.

PSALM CXVIII.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.

Let Israel now say that his mercy endureth forever.

Let the house of Aaron now say that his mercy endureth forever.

Yea, let those now who fear the Lord say that his mercy endureth forever.

I called upon the Lord in trouble, and the Lord heard and delivered me.

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear; what can man do unto me?

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

The Lord is my strength and my song, and is become my salvation.

The voice of joy and salvation is in the dwellings of the righteous; the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened and corrected me; but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open me the gates of holiness, that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.

I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders refused is become the head-stone in the corner.

This is the Lord's doing; and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, O Lord; O Lord, send us now prosperity.

Blessed be he who cometh in the name of the Lord! We bless you, ye who are of the house of the Lord.

Thou art my God, and I will thank thee; thou art my God, and I will praise thee.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endureth forever.

PSALM CXIX.

BLESSED are they who are undefiled in the way, and walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they who keep his testimonies, and seek him with their whole heart;

Who do no wickedness, but walk in his ways.

Thou hast charged that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

O that my ways were so directed, that I might keep thy statutes!

So shall I not be confounded, while I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

I will keep thy laws; O forsake me not utterly.

WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto, according to thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee; O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

Thy words have I hid within my heart, that I should not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord; O teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling of all the judgments of thy mouth.

I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies as in all manner of riches.

I meditate on thy commandments, and have respect unto thy ways.

My delight shall be in thy statutes, and I will not forget thy word.

O DEAL kindly with thy servant, that I may live and keep thy word.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.

I am a stranger upon earth; O hide not thy commandments from me.

My soul trembles for the very fervent desire that it hath alway unto thy judgments.

Thou hast rebuked the proud; and cursed are they who do err from thy commandments.

O turn from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.

Though princes did sit and speak against me, thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.

For thy testimonies are my delight and my counsellors.

PSALM CXXI.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; and he who keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he who keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper; the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not smite thee by day, neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he who shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

PSALM CXXII.

I WAS glad, when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, according to the law of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgment, even the throne of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper who love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will say, Peace be within thee.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.

PSALM CXXIII.

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou who dwellest in the heavens.

Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress;

Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us; for we are utterly despised.

Our soul is filled with the insolence of the prosperous, and with the despitefulness of the proud.

PSALM CXXX.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

But there is mercy with thee; therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; in his word is my trust.

My soul waiteth for the Lord, more than they that watch for the morning; yea, more than they who watch for the morning.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his sin.

PSALM CXXXVI.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for he is good, and his mercy endureth forever.

O give thanks unto the God of all gods; for his mercy endureth forever.

O thank the Lord of all lords; for his mercy endureth forever.

Who only doeth great wonders; for his mercy endureth forever.

Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens; for his mercy endureth forever.

Who laid out the earth above the waters; for his mercy endureth forever.

Who hath made great lights; for his mercy endureth forever.

The sun to rule by day; for his mercy endureth forever.

The moon and the stars to govern the night; for his mercy endureth forever.

Who remembereth us when we are in trouble; for his mercy endureth forever.

And hath delivered us from our enemies; for his mercy endureth forever.

Who giveth food to all flesh; for his mercy endureth forever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven; for his mercy endureth forever.

PSALM CXXXIX.

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me; thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thoughts afar off.

Thou compassest my path, and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou dost encompass me behind and before, and layest thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, thou art there; if I go down to the grave, thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee; but the night is as clear as the day; the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

My bones were not hid from thee, when I was made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book were all my members written;

Which day by day were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

How dear are thy thoughts unto me, O God! O how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand; when I awake I am still with thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; prove me, and examine my thoughts.

Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM CXLVII.

O PRAISE the Lord; for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem, and gather together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth those who are broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars; and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power; yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

The Lord lifteth up the meek; and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth, and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains;

Who giveth food unto the cattle, and feedeth the young ravens who cry.

He hath no pleasure in the strength of the horse; neither delighteth he in the force of man.

But the Lord's delight is in those who fear him and put their trust in his mercy.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates and hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders; and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth; and his word is instantly obeyed.

He giveth snow like wool; he scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels; who can stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word and melteth them; he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.

He showeth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation; neither hath the heathen knowledge of his laws. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM CXLVIII.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the height.

Praise him, all ye angels of his; praise him, all his hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters of the skies.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

He hath made them fast for ever and ever; he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

Praise the Lord upon earth, ye dragons, and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and vapors, wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and feathered fowls;

Kings of the earth and all people, princes and all judges of the world;

Young men and maidens, old men and children; praise the name of the Lord; for his name alone is excellent, and his praise is above heaven and earth.

He shall increase the glory of his people: all his saints shall praise him, even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him. Praise ye the Lord.

HYMNS AND PSALMS.

¶ *The following Hymns and Psalms may be used when convenient in the Services of the Church.*

Gloria Tibi.

GLORY be to thee, O Lord.

Gloria in Excelsis.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Te Deum Laudamus.

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee, all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee, Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;

The Father, of an infinite Majesty;

Thine adorable, true, and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the Glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.

Govern them, and lift them up forever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Benedictus. St. Luke i. 68.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us.

Easter Day.

At Morning Prayer, instead of the First Psalm, these Anthems shall be sung or said.

Romans vi. 9, and 1 Corinthians xv. 20.

Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin: but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen from the dead: and become the first-fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death: by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ;

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages: world without end. Amen.

Collect for Easter.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thy best-beloved Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech thee that as thou dost put into

our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect, as humble but faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Or, instead of the Psalm and Collect, the following may be used:

The Lord is risen indeed: Hallelujah.

Christ is raised from the dead, and dieth no more: Hallelujah.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

UNIVERSALIST PROFESSION OF BELIEF AND CONDITIONS OF FELLOWSHIP.

Adopted as an amendment to Article III. of the Constitution of the General Convention, at its session in Boston, October 23, 1899.

I. The *Profession of Belief* adopted at the session at *Winchester*, N. H., A.D. 1803, is as follows:

ARTICLE I. We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain a revelation of the character of God and of the duty, interest and final destination of mankind.

ARTICLE II. We believe there is one God, whose nature is Love, revealed in one Lord Jesus Christ, by one Holy Spirit of Grace, who will finally restore the whole family of mankind to holiness and happiness.

ARTICLE III. We believe that holiness and true happiness are inseparably connected, and that believers ought to be careful to maintain order and practise good works; for these things are good and profitable unto men.

II. The *Conditions of Fellowship* shall be as follows:

1. The acceptance of the essential principles of the Universalist Faith, to wit: 1. The Universal Fatherhood of God; 2. The Spiritual authority and leadership of his Son, Jesus Christ; 3. The trustworthiness of the Bible as containing a revelation from God; 4. The certainty of just retribution for sin; 5. The final harmony of all souls with God.

The Winchester profession is commended as containing these principles, but neither this nor any other precise form of words is required as a condition of fellowship, provided always that the principles above stated be professed.

2. The acknowledgment of the authority of the General Convention and assent to its laws.

A CREED embodying the Conditions of Fellowship affirmed at the session of the General Convention held in Chicago and in Boston.

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty and Universal; and in Jesus Christ his Son, the true teacher, example, and Savior of the world. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the quickener and comforter of men. I believe in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as a revelation of righteousness, truth and love. I believe in the Holy Church Universal; in the communion of saints; in the certainty of punishment for transgression; in the forgiveness of sins; in the life immortal; in the final triumph of goodness and mercy; and in the union and harmony, at last, of all souls with God."

CHRISTIAN FEASTS AND HOLY DAYS.

ADVENT SUNDAY is always the nearest Sunday to the thirtieth of November, whether before or after.

* **JAPAN SUNDAY** (Foreign missions). The fourth Sunday in November.

CHRISTMAS.

Y. P. C. U. SUNDAY. The last Sunday in January.

ASH WEDNESDAY. Forty days preceding Easter, Sundays omitted.

LENT. Ash Wednesday to Easter.

PALM SUNDAY. The Sunday next preceding Easter.

MAUNDY THURSDAY. The Thursday next preceding Easter. (The Last Supper.)

GOOD FRIDAY. The Friday next preceding Easter. (The Crucifixion.)

EASTER DAY is always the first Sunday after the Full Moon which happens upon or next after the twenty-first day of March; and if the Full Moon happens upon a Sunday, Easter Day is the Sunday after.

ASCENSION DAY is forty days after Easter.

WHITSUNDAY, or *Feast of Pentecost*, is seven weeks after Easter.

* **EDUCATIONAL SUNDAY** (Educational interests of our Church and Home Missions). The third Sunday in May.

* **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY.** The second Sunday in June, or as near as possible.

* **MEMORIAL SUNDAY** (for commemorating those friends who have been taken away by death). The first Sunday in October.

* **ALL SOULS' SUNDAY.** The first Sunday in November.

THANKSGIVING DAY. Such day as may be appointed by the civil authorities.

* See "Recommendations" in the "Manual of the Universalist General Convention," or the "Universalist Register."

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